

10-15-88

St Josephs  
Rensselaer  
Oct 15/1888

P. S. I  
Letters will reach me till  
the 24 inst at Carthage  
Mercer Co. Ohio

After the 24. for about  
a month. Lealia Pettis  
Co Mo. Co. Rev Bernard  
Dickmann

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P. S. II  
I informed Rev. P. Anthony  
of this my letter to your Rev.

Monon. Ind. Oct. 15/88.

Rev. Dear Father Willard:

You will kindly excuse  
me, if I address your Reverence  
confidentially.  
Recalling to my mind the remarks  
your Rev. made last night,  
referring to Rev. Father Stephan's  
intention, of entrusting the  
Indian Industrial School at  
Rensselaer, to some Religious Order,  
the thought naturally struck  
me: "suppose P. Stephan's inten-  
tion, be realized, to which religious  
Family would he apply? —  
Two Religious Communities to be

to be established, side by side  
so near together, I think  
would not work well.

Hence I'll speak to you as a  
friend. In case you—Rev. P. Stephan  
and yourself, should sooner or  
later come to the conclusion of giving  
the management of the Institution  
to a R. Order, I herewith offer the  
service of our Congregation—

I was very sorry, of not being able  
to accept Rev. P. Stephan's offer  
in reference to New Mexico, how-  
ever generous it was, and highly  
appreciated by our Society.

But now, I'll bring every reason-  
able sacrifice, before I see  
some other Religious Society take  
charge of the Institution.  
I could sooner now make shift  
to find the necessary men. We  
have some well qualified students

in our Seminary, advanced already  
in their studies, who could teach  
Classes etc.

Sisters are there already; one or  
two more priests, with a staff  
of teachers, would complete  
the forces needed to run the Inst.  
The Master of Mechanics, and  
laborers, you hired could  
remain.

This my application, I desire,  
of course, to influence you and  
Rev. P. Stephan, only, under  
the supposition, you should  
conclude, to give the managem.  
of the Ind. School, to some Rel.  
Order.

With sincere regards, and best  
wishes, I remain, your Bro.

in the  
Henry Drees. C. P. B.